



DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

President's Council of Advisors on Science and Technology

AGENCY: Office of Science, Department of Energy.

ACTION: Notice of Open Virtual Meeting.

SUMMARY: This notice announces an open teleconference meeting of the President's Council of Advisors on Science and Technology (PCAST), and describes the functions of the Council.

The Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA) requires that public notice of these meetings be announced in the *Federal Register*.

DATES: December 18, 2020; 12:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. (Eastern Time)

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held virtually. Information to participate can be found on the website closer to the meeting date at <https://science.osti.gov/About/PCAST/Meetings>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Sarah Domnitz, Deputy Executive Director, PCAST, (202) 881-8056 or email: PCAST@ostp.eop.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: PCAST is an advisory group of the nation's leading scientists and engineers, appointed by the President to augment the science and technology advice available to him from inside the White House, cabinet departments, and other Federal agencies. See the Executive Order at [whitehouse.gov](https://www.whitehouse.gov). PCAST is consulted on and provides analyses and recommendations concerning a wide range of issues where understanding of science, technology, and innovation may bear on the policy choices before the President.

PCAST is chaired by Dr. Kelvin Droegemeier, Director, Office of Science and Technology Policy, Executive Office of the President, The White House. The Designated Federal Officer is Edward McGinnis, Executive Director. Information about PCAST can be found at:

<https://science.osti.gov/About/PCAST>.

Tentative Agenda: Discussion and consideration for approval of PCAST's report on potential approaches to establishing Industries of the Future Institutes. Presentation and

consideration for approval of PCAST's congressionally-mandated periodic review of the Networking and Information Technology Research and Development (NITRD) Program.

Public Comments: It is the policy of the PCAST to accept written public comments no longer than 10 pages and to accommodate oral public comments whenever possible. The PCAST expects that public statements presented at its meetings will not be repetitive of previously submitted oral or written statements.

The public comment period for this meeting will take place on December 18, 2020, at a time specified in the meeting agenda. This public comment period is designed only for substantive commentary on PCAST's work, not for business marketing purposes.

Oral Comments: To be considered for the public speaker list at the meeting, interested parties should register to speak at PCAST@ostp.eop.gov, no later than 12:00 p.m. Eastern Time on December 11, 2020. To accommodate as many speakers as possible, the time for public comments will be limited to two (2) minutes per person, with a total public comment period of up to 10 minutes. If more speakers register than there is space available on the agenda, PCAST will select speakers on a first-come, first-served basis from those who applied. Those not able to present oral comments may always file written comments with the committee.

Written Comments: Although written comments are accepted continuously, written comments should be submitted to PCAST@ostp.eop.gov no later than 12:00 p.m. Eastern Time on December 11, 2020 so that the comments may be made available to the PCAST members prior to this meeting for their consideration.

Please note that because PCAST operates under the provisions of FACA, all public comments and/or presentations will be treated as public documents and will be made available for public inspection, including being posted on the PCAST website.

Signed in Washington, DC on November 23, 2020.

LaTanya Butler,
Deputy Committee Management Officer.

